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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PARTITIONING SONET FRAMES
INTO LOGICAL CHANNELS TO OPTIMIZE BANDWIDTH
UTILIZATION

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

July 24, 2003

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed April 24, 2003 (Paper No. 5), the following amendments and remarks herein are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

These amendments comply with the "Revised Amendment Format" set forth in the Official Gazette Notice dated February 25, 2003. In accordance with the Notice, the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.121(a)-(d) are waived.

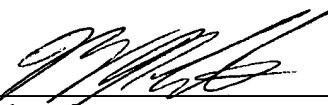
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- ☐ Petition for () month(s) extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.17 and 1.136(a). \$0.00 for the extension of time.
- ☒ No fee is required.
- ☐ Check(s) in the amount of \$0.00 is(are) enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. This form is submitted in triplicate.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. \$1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. \$1.17, particularly extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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